

Our right to a "do not call" list needs to be defended and protected. Our home is a private place, and we should have the right to not have our lives interrupted by unwanted solicitations in our home. It is a blatant violation of privacy. These solicitation calls can still be made to those who don't object to them. Businesses have ample opportunities to advertise their products and services without this practice which so many of us find invasive. Some businesses have even gone so far as to have recorded systems that do not hang up even if you do and can stay on the line. In a well-documented case, a citizen had hung up on a recorded message. A short while later, a man in the household needed emergency medical care. His wife was horrified to still hear the recording when she tried to use the phone, and she could not disconnect and get an open line. She lived in a rural area and her nearest neighbor was nearly a mile away. she had to leave her husband unattended to get to a neighbor and make the emergency call; precious time elapsed and her husband died. This is an example of how this intrusion can be even more than an invasion of privacy.

This process is now happening regularly on the internet, where businesses have used technology to interfere with your intended transmissions to direct you to other sites that you don't wish to go to. We are also bombarded with much unwanted emails. We should be able to register for the same protection on the web.